

aboard, are believed to have been picked up. The captain was in one of these boats.

Three Sunken Ships Had Carried Supplies To Allies for Months

The three American steamships sunk by German submarines yesterday in the war zone were all active in the pursuit of trade between the United States and belligerent and neutral ports. The City of Memphis, known to thousands of Americans as a passenger carrier of the Savannah Line in the service between New York, Boston and Savannah, had logged more than 80,000 miles in trips across the Atlantic since the European war began.

Enhanced in value because of the shortage of the world's tonnage, the old Ward liner Vigilantia was early pressed into service when hostilities broke out in Europe, and was sent across the Atlantic with cotton cargoes for Germany before the British blockade became strict.

The tank steamship Illinois, owned by the Texas Oil Company, had been engaged largely in transporting oil from Port Arthur, Tex., to Great Britain and returning in ballast.

All were manned chiefly by native Americans or citizens who had taken out their first papers. Scattered among the crews were a few subjects of neutral powers.

Laden to capacity with 9,653 bales of cotton, valued at \$600,000, the City of Memphis left this port for Hayre on January 23. She made the trip in sixteen days, landing her costly cargo on February 8. It was due to the merest chance that she was able to get to her destination, as she was halted by a U-boat southwest of the Scillys. Two shots were sent across her bow and she came to a dead stop.

The submarine signalled that the ship's papers be brought out to him, and Captain Borum sent them out in charge of his first officer, the latter being taken aboard the German submarine. He answered all questions put to him by the German commander, and when the latter had finished his interrogation, he handed the papers back, saying: "You are full of contraband, and I ought to sink you, but you tell the master that because of the friendly relations that exist between the United States and Germany, I'll let you proceed. But don't you come around these waters again."

Captain Borum, who was described yesterday by W. H. Pleasants, president of the Ocean Steamship Company, owners of the vessel, as "a man without fear and without nerves," was born of American parents in Norfolk, Va.

C. R. Laird, the first officer, hails from Savannah; A. Carroll, the second officer, a native of Nova Scotia, is a naturalized American; and M. Dierland, the third officer, whose address is unknown, is believed to be an American.

W. I. Percy, the chief engineer, and A. Beville, the first assistant, hail from Savannah. F. McTherson, the second assistant, and W. M. Thompson, the third assistant, Dr. F. Shea, J. Welsh and P. J. Donohue, the wireless operators, are from this city.

G. McLean, a negro, chief cook, is a native of New York, as were the following negroes who assisted him: H. Canty, G. Canty, D. S. Jackson, J. Lewis, J. Cooke, E. Cooke and G. M. Mitchell.

The remainder of the crew included H. O. Bovill, C. A. Phillips (electrician), F. Montero, H. H. Hobbs, J. Alquist, J. O. Rambe, C. B. Winn, H. Walker, N. P. Clausen, E. Nelson, H. Soizgaard, F. Rahn, A. Pedersen, W. Leisberg, S. Ludwigsen, F. Puttin, R. Lassen, L. Abrahamson, F. Timmerman, J. D. Hanlon, W. Nison, M. Lopeye, M. Gutierrez, M. Bancelo, B. Carrascosa, B. Tarres, L. Perez, A. Gomez and J. Sanquerra.

Built in Chester, Penn., in 1902, the City of Memphis was chartered in May, 1914, to carry supplies to the American troops at Vera Cruz from Galveston. She was 5,252 tons gross register.

The Vigilantia, built in 1899 for the New York and Cuba service of the Ward Line, was sold in 1915 for the cotton trade with Germany. She changed ownership twice since then, her last owner being the Globe Steamship Company, which chartered her to Barber & Co. to carry a general cargo, valued at \$750,000, to Havre via the Azores, leaving New York on February 28. Captain F. A. Middleton was in command. She was of 4,115 gross tons, 320 feet long and 45 feet beam. The Americans in the crew were B. D. O'Connell, mate, 25 Charles Street, New York; J. H. Smith, second mate, 42 Adams Street, Malden, Mass.; F. Brown, carpenter, Newport News; A. Gillard, quartermaster, 141 Cleveland Street, Brooklyn; J. H. Loera, quartermaster, San Juan, P. R.; S. Stamot, seaman, Manila, P. I.; E. A. Denton, engineer, 448 East 147th Street, New York; Walter Scott, jr., second assistant engineer, Fitchburg, Mass.; Alex. Rodriguez, oiler, Porto Rico; M. Ruiz, Brennan, Mayaguez, Porto Rico; C. W. Dawson, steward, 229 Washington Street, Newark; J. A. MacDonald (first papers), second cook and baker, Portland, N. S. W.; Walter Pitts, cook, 191 London Street, Boston; J. Connors, waiter, Seattle; E. Lopez, messboy, Porto Rico; Paul T. Platt, wireless operator, 142 Sycamore Street, Winter Hill, Mass.

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U. S. Officers Stop Muster Out of Guard

Albany Wagon Train and Troops of Other States Affected by Order

Albany, March 18.—City officials who had been preparing a homecoming celebration Tuesday for the New York State wagon train, now at Peekskill, received word to-night that Washington had ordered that the mustering out of troops from the Federal service stop at once.

Military officers at Peekskill were given to understand that the new order suspending all mustering out was national-wide.

Columbia, S. C., March 12.—The mustering out of the 2d South Carolina Infantry, recently returned from the border and in camp at Styx, S. C., near here, was stopped to-day on receipt of orders directing the Federal mustering officer to await further instructions.

Memphis, Tenn., March 18.—Colonel H. S. Berry, in command of the 1st Tennessee Infantry, which arrived here to-day from Eagle Pass, Tex., was advised to-night that orders had been issued suspending the mustering out of National Guardsmen "until further orders."

Washington, March 18.—War Department officials said to-night that no new orders concerning National Guardsmen had gone out from here since the recent instructions to state adjutants general outlining the plan to be followed in the event of another call upon state troops for Federal service. Any orders suspending mustering out, they said, must have been issued by the Southern departmental commander for local reasons.

Berlin Admits Safe Conduct is Worthless

Doesn't Matter Whether Sunken Relief Ship Had One or Not, Says Announcement

Berlin, March 18 (by wireless to Sayville).—"British news dispatches state that the Norwegian steamer Storstad, sunk by a German submarine, was in the service of the Belgian Relief Commission, and was provided with a safe conduct from the German Consul at Buenos Ayres," says the Overseas News Agency. "German newspapers state on competent authority that this report is absolutely improbable. The Storstad could have no safe conduct issued by a German authority at Buenos Ayres, since neither the German Minister nor the German Consul there has been authorized to issue such safe conducts for ships of the Relief Commission. Negotiations regarding this matter are pending."

"It is ascertained that the Storstad was sunk within the barred zone, and therefore it matters not whether she was provided with a safe conduct and carried the signs of the Relief Commission. All ships, including those with such signs, are obliged to avoid the barred zone; otherwise they run the risk of being sunk. The Relief Commission was warned officially by the German authorities on February 1 against permitting their ships to go into the barred zone. The sinking of the vessel, therefore, was the captain's fault."

The Storstad, flying the flag of the American Commission for Relief in Belgium, was torpedoed without warning off the southern end of Ireland. One of her crew lost his life. The others, including one American, were rescued.

Berlin's February Toll Of Ships 781,500 Tons

German Admiralty's Estimate of Merchant Losses Much Greater than British

Berlin, March 16 (by wireless to Sayville, March 18).—Merchant ships of an aggregate gross tonnage of 781,500 were destroyed in February as a result of war measures of the Central Powers, the Admiralty announced to-day. The statement follows: "In February 358 merchant ships of an aggregate gross tonnage of 781,500 were lost by the war measures of the Central Powers. Among them were 292 hostile ships, with an aggregate gross tonnage of 644,000, and seventy-six neutral ships of an aggregate gross tonnage of 137,500. Among the neutral ships sixty-one were sunk by submarines, which is 16.5 per cent of the total in February, as compared with 29 per cent, the average of neutral losses in the last four months."

There is a wide disparity between the official German figures of the destruction of shipping in February, the first month of unrestricted submarine warfare, and the figures given out in England. It was said authoritatively in London on March 3 that in February German submarines sent to the bottom, in round numbers, 490,000 tons of shipping. No mention was made of ships destroyed by mines.

Miliukoff Pledges New Russia To Fight Until Allies Triumph

Will Correct Errors Which Paralyzed People in Struggle Against "Predatory Race Aiming to Subject Europe to Prussian Militarism"

Petrograd, March 18.—The text of the dispatch sent by Foreign Minister Miliukoff to all Russian envoys, stating the policy of the new government, follows:

The news transmitted by the Petrograd Telegraphic Agency (the semi-official Russian news bureau) already has acquainted you with the events of the last days and the fall of the old political régime in Russia, which collapsed lamentably in the face of popular indignation provoked by its criminal lack of foresight. The unanimity of resentment which the order of things now at an end aroused among all healthy elements of the nation has considerably facilitated the crisis. All these elements having rallied with enthusiasm to the noble flag of revolution, and the army having lent them its speedy and effective support, the national movement obtained decisive victory within eight days.

This rapidity of realization happily made it possible to reduce the number of victims to a figure unprecedentedly small in the annals of upheavals of such extent and importance.

People to Choose Form of Government

By an act dated from Pskov, March 15, Emperor Nicholas renounced the throne for himself and the hereditary Grand Duke Alexis Nikolaievitch in favor of Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch. In reply to a notification which was made to him of this act Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, by an act dated Petrograd, March 16, in his turn renounced assumption of supreme power until the time when a constituent assembly, created on the basis of universal suffrage, should have established a form of government and new fundamental laws of Russia.

By this same act Alexandrovitch invited the citizens of Russia, pending a definite manifestation of the national will, to submit to the authority of the provisional government constituted on the initiative of the Duma of the state, which holds full power. The composition of the provisional government and its political programme have been published and transmitted to foreign countries.

Kaiser and Czar Must Hunt Jobs, Dr. Eaton Says

Greek Church Blamed for Corruption That Caused Russian Revolt

"The Czar, the Little Father of all the Russias, is looking for a job. The Kaiser, with his heaven-pointed mustaches, will soon be looking for one, too," declared Dr. Charles Aubrey Eaton in his sermon yesterday morning at the Madison Avenue Baptist Church.

Dr. Eaton blamed the corrupt condition of Russia before the revolution last week largely upon the influence of the Greek Catholic Church. He became vehement in his denunciation of that Church's activities in Russia.

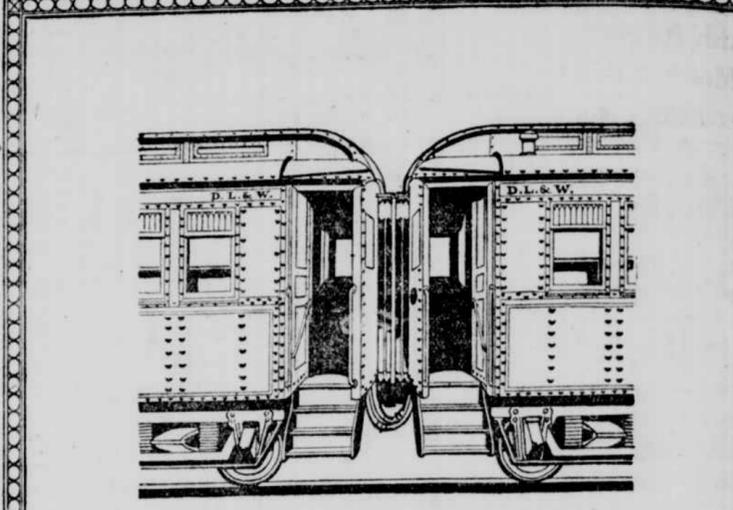
"To hell with it!" he shouted, raising his hands and stamping his feet. "Down with it! To hell with it!"

"We may soon expect to hear the crash of internecine explosion in Germany," he said, "and the grip of the monster military clique will be destroyed."

Dr. Eaton also sounded a warning for the United States.

"America," he said, "is like an ostrich with its head in the sand, thinking it is safe. Men in the unborn centuries may ask the question, 'What strange corruption killed America?'"

Rejoicing in Synagogues. Many other ministers took the overthrow of the Czar and Russian despotism as the theme of their sermons yesterday. It was virtually "Russian Sunday" in the churches. Numerous professions were made that the revolution marked the beginning of the end of the war. Rejoicing was the keynote in all the Reform Jewish synagogues.



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Petrograd's Food Supply Increased; Price Regulated

Quantities of Grain and Bread Rushed from Southern Granaries

London, March 18.—The best news received from Petrograd to-night is that the city is receiving large supplies of grain and bread, hurried north from the southern granaries. The government is regulating the price.

It is planned to give the former ministers of the Russian government now under arrest a speedy trial by court martial. Those to be tried include Protopopoff, Schlegovtsoff and Komissatoff. It is understood Sturmer has been killed and that Galitzine committed suicide.

The press of London takes a hopeful view of Russia's future, believing the government will solve the question of preserving a balance between the left wing and the army.

The entire Russian Baltic fleet and the fortresses at Viborg and Sveaborg have joined the revolutionary movement, says a dispatch from Copenhagen, which is based on reports received from Haparanda, Sweden.

Political Prisoners Freed. Grand Duke Nicholas has ordered the release of the political prisoners who have been incarcerated at Baku, in the Transcaucasus, Reuter's Tiflis correspondent telegraphs.

The Grand Duke enjoined senior and junior officers to advise the soldiers and sailors, now that the throne has been renounced by Emperor Nicholas, that they should quietly await an expression of will from the Russian people. It is their sacred duty, the Grand Duke said, to continue to obey the lawful chiefs, to defend the country from its enemies and by their exploits to support their allies.

There has been some uncertainty as to the whereabouts of Grand Duke Nicholas, who is reported to have been selected for chief command of the Russian armies. The Tiflis dispatch indi-

Dynamite Threat Brings Heavy Guard To Edison Plant

Police and Federal Officials Investigate Letters Sent to Inventor

Double guards have been placed inside and outside of the Edison plant, in West Orange, as a result of letters containing threats to dynamite it received by Thomas A. Edison, chairman of the Naval Consulting Board. Mr. Edison refused to comment on the situation further than to admit that he has engaged a detective agency to furnish protection inside the plant, which covers several acres, and to ask Chief of Police William H. Bamford to assign extra patrolmen to guard the streets surrounding it at night.

Mr. Edison himself is continually accompanied by a bodyguard on his trips to the laboratory, in the center of the plant, and to his special laboratory in the Essex County Park Commission Casino, at Eagle Rock, atop West Orange Mountain, at both of which places he is conducting experiments for the government.

The letters, though poorly written and unsigned, were on a high grade of paper. It is believed they were written by a crank or some discharged employe and an investigation is being conducted by both the police and the Federal authorities. Several thousand employees of all nationalities are employed at the plant, but no trouble has been reported.

German Destroyers Shell Kentish Coast

London, March 18.—German torpedo boats shelled towns along the Kentish coast early Sunday morning, but did little damage, according to an official statement issued to-night. The text reads:

"Some enemy torpedo boats and destroyers approached the Kentish coast at 12:45 o'clock Sunday morning. They fired a number of shells at certain coast towns. There were no casualties. The material damage was slight, and occupied and two empty houses were hit."

Russian Church Here Refuses to Bless Czar

Archbishop Evdokim, the highest representative of the Russian Church in New York, has adapted his services to the new Russian régime. In accordance with the action of the Holy Synod at Petrograd, which severed the traditional connection of the Czar with the Orthodox Church, the archbishop avoided the mention of the "Little Father" in the course of his services yesterday.

It is an established custom in the Russian Church to bless the Czar and his family at services. This blessing constituted one of the most impressive scenes in the ritual of the Orthodox Church. The abrogation of this custom by the New York Archbishop was therefore accompanied by the congregation's astonishment, which resolved itself into jubilant excitement.

Hidden Wheat Found; Petrograd Prices Drop

Copenhagen, March 18.—Petrograd is now well supplied with bread and grain and prices have dropped to normal, says the "Dagens Nyheter" Stockholm correspondent, quoting advices received from Haparanda.

"Search by the revolutionary party," the dispatch adds, "resulted in the discovery of thousands of tons of hidden wheat, leading to the belief that the shortage of food was systematically organized by the old régime. The populace of Petrograd held especial animosity toward Minister of Agriculture Rittig, who was killed in the revolution."

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